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SUBJECT: THE TRADE BILL - NEXT STEPS (CONVERSATION WITH OAS
AMBASSADOR TRUCCO OF CHILE)

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FOR ASST SECT ROGERS FROM AMB MAILLIARD

SUMMARY: CHILEAN OAS AMB. TRUCCO SUGGESTED TO AMB.
MAILLIARD THAT THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT MIGHT BE WILLING
TO HOST A SPECIAL SESSION OF IA-ECOSOC ON TRADE BILL IF
RUMORED HOSTSHIP BY PANAMA DOES NOT MATERIALIZE. TRUCCO
FELT SPECIAL SESSION OUTSIDE WASHINGTON WOULD PROVIDE A
GOOD FORUM FOR FURTHER, HIGH-LEVEL, MEANINGFUL AND RATIONAL
DISCUSSION OF THE TRA PRIOR TO THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY
IN APRIL. COMMENT INVITED AND GUIDANCE REQUESTED. END
SUMMARY

1. ON MORNING OF JAN. 30, 1975 OAS AMB. MANUEL TRUCCO OF
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CHILE APPROACHED ME REGARDING NEXT STEPS FOR DISCUSSION

OF THE TRADE BILL IN OAS FORUMS. TRUCCO MADE THE POINT THAT IF THERE IS NO HIGH LEVEL INTERVENING ACTION BETWEEN NOW AND THE OASGA IN WASHINGTON APRIL 16TH, A DONNYBROOK COULD ENSUE.

2. TRUCCO BELIEVES NOW THAT THE OAS COUNCIL HAS ACTED ON THE TRADE BILL AND THINGS ARE BEGINNING TO SIMMER DOWN SOME SOFT OF FURTHER COOLING OFF ACTION ACCOMPANIED BY SOME KIND OF RECOMMENDATIONS TO THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY MIGHT BE VERY IMPORTANT. THEREFORE IT MIGHT BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO CALL FOR A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE OAS ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL. HE OBSERVED THAT REGULAR ANNUAL MEETING OF THE IA-ECOSOC, NOW SCHEDULED FOR MARCH 17TH IN WASHINGTON, IS NOT GOING TO GET ATTENTION BY TOP LEVEL PEOPLE.

3. TRUCCO UNDERSTANDS THAT PANAMA IS CONSIDERING OFFERING TO HOST A SPECIAL IA-ECOSOC MEETING. IF PANAMA DOES NOT DO SO AND IF THE U.S. GOVERNMENT FEELS THERE IS MERIT IN THE IDEA, TRUCCO BELIEVES HE COULD GET THE CHILEAN GOVERNMENT TO HOST SUCH A MEETING.

4. A SPECIAL MEETING AT THE MINISTERIAL LEVEL OF IA-ECOSOC IN TRUCCO'S JUDGMENT IS THE ONLY WAY TO BRING ABOUT RATIONAL DISCUSSIONS ON THE TRADE BILL, AND TO BRING TOGETHER THE PEOPLE WHO ARE COMPETENT TO DEAL WITH THIS DIFFICULT SUBJECT. IF THE TRADE BILL IS DISCUSSED IN WASHINGTON AS A REGULAR IA-ECOSOC MEETING, THEN ATTENDANCE WILL BE AT A LOW LEVEL ACCOMPANIED BY BORROWING OF REPRESENTATION FROM WASHINGTON EMBASSY ECONOMIC SECTIONS. HE EMPHASIZED THAT WE HAVE TO ENSURE THE BEST POSSIBLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE TRA BY THOSE ATTENDING THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY THROUGH THOROUGH ADVANCE PREPARATIONS. OTHERWISE, WE ARE GOING TO HAVE NOTHING MORE THAN POLITICAL SPEECHES AT THE OASGA.

5. ACTION REQUESTED, WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR URGENT REVIEW OF TRUCCO'S SUGGESTION AND ADVICE AND GUIDANCE FOR USE IN ANY FURTHER PRIVATE CONVERSATION DURING CIECC MEETING. JOVA UNQUOTE KISSINGER
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